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LABOUR IN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no protection for the right of labour in Special Economic Zones (SEZs);

(b) if so, whether in view of the Government`s decision to create more such Special Economic Zones under thenew Export-Import Policy for 2000-2001; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take necessary measures to see that the rights of the labour are protected in these zones?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): In the Export and Import Policy (1997-2002) incorporating amendments made upto 31/3/2000, the Government has announced the Policy for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZ) in the country with a view to provide an internationally competitive duty free environment for exports with minimum procedural requirement. The units in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) will have to be net foreign exchange earner but they shall not be subject to any pre-determined value addition or minimum export performance.

As far as labour matter is concerned, Special Economic Zones will be governed by the laws and rules of the country.